

MARCH 10, 2009

NOTICE

There will be a meeting of the **Legislation, Intergovernmental & Veterans Relations Committee** of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County on Tuesday, **March 17, 2009** at the hour of **9:15 A.M.** in the Board Room, Room 569, County Building, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois to consider the following:

299117 COOK COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER (APPOINTMENT). Transmitting a Communication, dated March 3, 2009 from Todd H. Stroger, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners:

I hereby appoint **MR. ABISHI CARRANDO "A.C." CUNNINGHAM, JR.** to serve as the Cook County Public Defender for a six year term beginning April 1, 2009 and ending March 31, 2015. Mr. Cunningham shall assume the position of Public Defender following the expiration of Mr. Edwin A. Burnette's appointed term. Mr. Burnette's appointment expires March 31, 2009 and I thank him for his service.

Mr. Cunningham has extensive legal and administrative experience that will be an asset to the administration of the Cook County Public Defender's Office. Not only does Mr. Cunningham have significant legal supervisory experience from his time serving in positions such as, Chief Supervising Prosecutor of the Municipal District, Felony Trial Assistant and Chief of Vertical Prosecutions Unit in the Cook County State's Attorney's Office but he also has extensive experience in criminal prosecution and criminal defense. Moreover, Mr. Cunningham has specific experience in providing criminal defense services for indigent residents in felony, misdemeanor and juvenile cases as an alternative to representation by the Office of the Cook County Public Defender. Mr. Cunningham has recently served as an Associate Judge with the Circuit Court of Cook County where he has presided over thousands of misdemeanor bench trials and hundreds of criminal and civil jury trials.

Mr. Cunningham satisfies all of the qualifications for the position of Public Defender as set forth in the Counties Code (55 ILCS 5/3-4004.2). I submit this communication with recommendation for your approval of the appointment.

***Referred to the Committee on Legislation, Intergovernmental and Veterans Relations on March 4, 2009.**

Matthew B. DeLeon, Secretary

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